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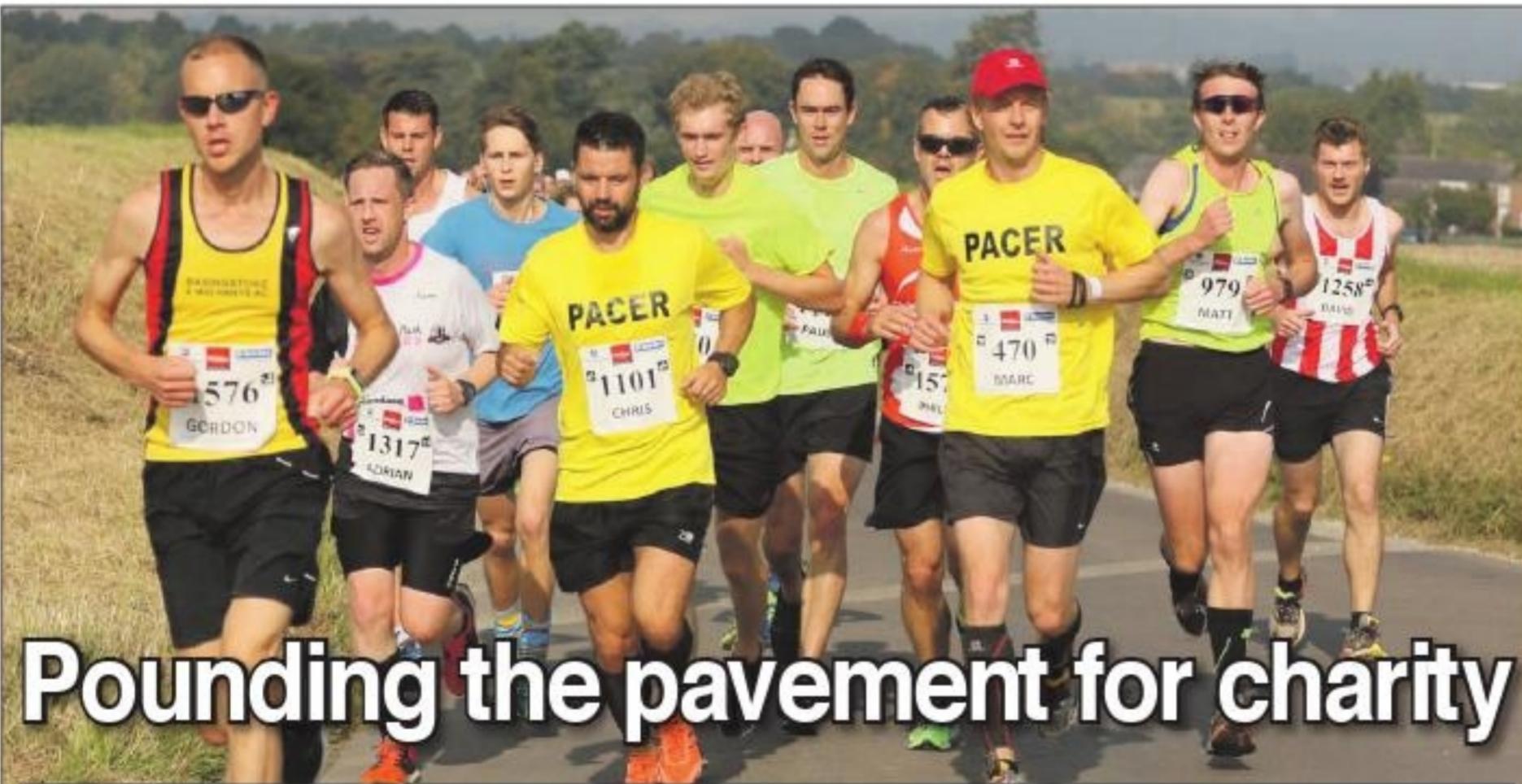
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FREE TAKE ONE

HOMELESS CENTRES SAVED AFTER £100K FUNDING DECISION



Pounding the pavement for charity

AROUND 1,300 people raced in the fifth annual Basingstoke Half Marathon on Sunday for a wide range of different charities.

Residents lined the streets to support those taking part in the 13.1-

mile race, which saw runners start and finish at Hackwood Road next to War Memorial Park, having passed through Ellisfield, Cliddesden and Farleigh Wallop along the route.

The race was won by Vincent Boit

with a time of 1:04:43, while Kate Townton was the first woman to cross the line in 1:25:02.

• Half marathon runners (photo by SussexSportPhotography.com)

Loss of facilities would have been a 'disaster'

THE future of three Basingstoke-based homeless centres has been secured after plans to save them from closure were approved by the borough council.

News that Hampshire County Council would be halving its £1.3million annual funding for its 'Supporting People' programme from next April had put homeless services from across the county at risk.

But Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will now control support for the most vulnerable in the area, after its cabinet voted in favour of running a three-year pilot scheme to assume all responsibility for the service.

Short-term accommodation centres The Joshua Tree in Worting Road and Oakley Lodge in Burgess Road will now remain open, after the council agreed to spend £100,000 of its own budget each year at last Tuesday's meeting.

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Places at Top of Town homeless hostel May Place will also remain safeguarded for local people as a result, and will still see the borough receive an annual revenue grant of £746,468 from the county council.

Portfolio holder for housing Cllr Terri Reid said: "We are talking about a new and innovative way of actually providing support to our most vulnerable people in Basingstoke.

"I'm very much looking forward to getting into the nitty gritty of this and moving it forward."

Eastrop councillor Stuart Parker said: "It's exactly right that the local authority should take ownership of this service, and the team have done an incredible job."

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Old Basing sailor conquers Atlantic

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AN OLD Basing dad has raised over £10,000 for charity after fulfilling a lifelong ambition by sailing 5,600 miles across the Atlantic Ocean from London to Brazil.

William Green decided to celebrate turning 50 this year by taking on the world's toughest amateur sailing challenge - the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

And having braved the perils of the Atlantic for 33 days, the electronics company director finally arrived on the coast of Rio de Janeiro on Thursday to complete the first leg of the 44,000-mile race.

"Sailing an ocean or two makes you realise how big the world is and how small our little country is," said William.

"Living and being part of a team that have the same ambitions and goals is amazing, if not tough."

He continued: "I've been a keen dinghy sailor for many years and always thought that it would be cool to sail across a major ocean."

"Thirty-three days at sea is something that myself and the team had never experienced before and will never forget."

The dad-of-one departed from

St Katharine Docks in London on August 30 as part of a team of 20 amateur sailors, and will return for the eighth and final leg of the challenge in June next year from New York back to the UK.

Another motivation for William to take part in the mammoth race was to help raise money for the construction of a new Scout hall in Old Basing - where he used to be a member as a youngster.

He added: "I benefited greatly from the life skills and experiences that the Scouts offered me, and I was horrified to find out that the headquarters that I knew from my youth had been flooded and condemned."

"I bonded with so many people on this trip, and we went on to become one big family."

"I have made friends on training and on the race that I will have for the rest of my life."

"The examination will conclude on Wednesday, November 11, with the inspector expected to make a final decision on the plans in December.



• William Green (second from right) docked at Rio de Janeiro last week after 33 days at sea, and (below) William with daughter Hannah and wife Sarah



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Short-term accommodation centre The Joshua Tree will now remain open

• From front page

He added: "I know how much work has gone into negotiating this. I think everyone would agree this is a very satisfactory outcome from what might have been a complete disaster."

Baughurst and Tadley North councillor Robert Tate said: "The Joshua Tree is and remains a key part of the structure of the homeless strategy.

"Had this been allowed to close, the knock on effects to

residents would have been completely unacceptable."

Basingstoke's council will work alongside local charities and housing associations in order to deliver the service.

Council leader Clive Sanders said: "The proof of the pudding will be in the eating, but this is as good a deal as I can think of for taking this forward.

"It's another example of us leading the way in finding creative solutions to problems."



• The Joshua Tree, in Worting Road

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News Bites**Acid attack**

HAMPSHIRE: Two brothers appeared in court last Thursday to face charges in connection with an acid attack on a Hampshire mum.

Geoffrey Midmore, 26, and Billy Midmore, 22, who are from London but have "contacts in Basingstoke", appeared at Southampton Magistrates Court over the alleged attack on Carla Whitlock.

The Southampton mum-of-six suffered severe burns to her face, eyes and neck and may lose the sight in her right eye after having acid thrown in her face in Guildhall Square on Friday, September 18.

Geoffrey Midmore has been charged with causing grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent and conspiracy to cause GBH, while Billy Midmore was charged with conspiracy to commit GBH.

Both men have now been remanded in custody and will appear at Southampton Crown Court on Friday, October 23.

A 33-year-old woman who was also arrested in connection with the incident has been released on bail.

Local plan

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The public hearings for the Basingstoke and Deane local plan examination were opened yesterday.

A government-planning inspector will conduct the five-week examination into the borough's housing plan ahead of making a decision as to whether an annual housing target of 850 homes will be sufficient for the area.

The examination will conclude on Wednesday, November 11, with the inspector expected to make a final decision on the plans in December.

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Mike mounts special tribute

BASINGSTOKE'S resident fundraising champion Mike Wilson has completed a superhero challenge for a cause close to his heart.

More commonly known by his superhero alter ego Spiderdad, the 33-year-old has been on a

fundraising mission throughout 2015.

But having already raised

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around £25,000 for children's hospice Naomi House and been nominated for a Pride of Britain award, Mike raised the bar with his latest effort last week.

The freerunner climbed 6,000m to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro on Thursday in memory of five-

year-old son and Spiderman super fan Jayden, who passed away from a brain tumour last Christmas Eve.

"It was so mentally, emotionally and physically draining, and I was sick more than a few times," said Mike.

"But what I went through up there was only a tiny, tiny bit of what Jayden went through during his battle."

"I sent a little message to him from the summit, just to let him know that he is my motivation, and that it was him that got me up there."

Mike took on the emotional climb up Africa's highest mountain alongside brothers Andrew and David, and brother-in-law Will Reid.

The foursome's efforts raised a further £10,500 for Sutton-Scoutney based centre Naomi House, who helped support the Wilson family during Jayden's fight.

Naomi House spokesperson Jill McDonagh said: "It was great to see the picture of Mike and his brothers at the top of Kilimanjaro, especially as I know how much it meant to him to complete this challenge."

"It must have been very emotional for them all, and is a truly fantastic achievement."

The dad of two added: "It's just a little piece of the puzzle in raising money for the charity, but I'm really pleased with how much people have donated."

"The emotion really kicked in at the top and we were all crying happy tears."

"It was an absolutely incredible experience – probably the best thing I've ever done."

"But to do it with my brothers by my side as well, just made it even more special."

To donate, visit justgiving.com/hopefromjayden.

• (From left) Andrew Wilson, Mike Wilson, Will Reid and David Wilson climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in memory of Mike's son Jayden (inset) who died of a brain tumour last year



Illegal workers arrested in Basingstoke

IMMIGRATION enforcement officers arrested two illegal workers during a surprise visit to a Basingstoke pizza place last week.

A 26-year-old Nepalese man and a 30-year-old Indian national have since been transferred to immigration detention and will now be deported.

Both men were found to have been illegally working at Pizza Go Go in Alencon Link after overstaying their Tier 4 general students visas following the inspection on Thursday evening.

The business owner has since been served with a notice of a potential £40,000 fine, unless the employer can demonstrate that appropriate right to work document checks were carried out before employing the two men.

Home Office immigration enforcement officers also arrested a 33-year-old Chinese man at Pearl River Chinese Restaurant in Andover on the same day as part of the swoop, after receiving tip-offs.

Head of the South Central team Carla Johnson said: "Our specialist teams conduct operations on a daily

basis and anyone who is in the UK illegally faces arrest, detention, and removal from the country."

"Illegal working defrauds the taxpayer, undercuts honest businesses and cheats legitimate job seekers out of employment opportunities."

"We rely on information from the public and I would urge people to report suspected immigration abuse to us."

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Parking proposal

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Borough parking attendants have been given new powers as part of a crackdown on drivers improperly using disabled blue badges.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's parking enforcement team will now be able to hold on to any badges that they suspect are being used fraudulently.

Cabinet member for communities, service delivery and improvement, Cllr Robert Tate, said: "By giving our parking attendants these powers we can ensure that people with disabilities can get to everything the borough has to offer."

Maria's message

BASINGSTOKE: MP Maria Miller has urged more people in Basingstoke to get involved in the Olympic Legacy's Satellite clubs.

The Satellite initiative is part of the London 2012 legacy to get more young people regularly participating in sport through coaching available in local sports clubs.

Mrs Miller visited Satellite clubs at Totally Tennis in Basingstoke War Memorial Park and the Judo Satellite at Dove House Academy on Monday.

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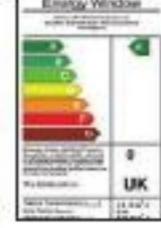
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Tadley man seriously injured by tractor

A MOTORCYCLIST from Tadley is still in hospital in a critical condition after being hit by a tractor on Friday.

The 20-year-old man was travelling along Bramley Road on a black Yamaha YZF R125 when the incident occurred at around 7am.

He was then involved in a collision with the large engineering vehicle, which was heading in the opposite direction on the road towards Silchester.

Paramedics treated him at the scene, before he was taken to Southampton General Hospital by air ambulance with life-threatening injuries.

Police are now launching an appeal for witnesses to come forward that were in and around the area at that time as they look to establish what happened.

Investigating officer Sergeant Paul White said: "We would like to speak to anyone who saw either the tractor or motorcyclist prior to, or at the time of the accident.

"We believe that a white van, which wasn't involved, passed the tractor a short while before the incident.

"If you are that driver please contact us as you may have important information."

Witnesses are asked to contact the Roads Policing Unit at Whitchurch on 101.

New hospital plans still pressing ahead

A BOROUGH councillor has questioned why an application to build a new hospital in North Waltham hasn't been delayed after concerns were raised over costs.

Plans to build the £160million critical care unit on land west of Basingstoke will be discussed at a development control meeting tonight – with officers recommending the build for approval.

This is despite a joint statement from North and West Hampshire clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) advising against taking the proposals to consultation "at this stage" because the costs outlined are "not affordable."

Any proposal would need the completion of a formal public consultation to take it any further, with Oakley and North Waltham councillor Rob Golding urging the council to wait before making a decision while the situation is "up in the air."

"The main basis for this hospital being built on this site was that it was the right medical solution, but that doesn't seem to be the case now," said Cllr Golding.

"I really don't understand why this is still going ahead to be honest – you wouldn't get permission for anything else when such problems had been raised.

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"I can see the advantages, but the applicants should listen to the advice and wait before carrying this forward."

If approved, the hospital could be based just north of junction 7 of the M3 and include an £18.5m cancer treatment centre, as well as round the clock care for critically ill patients.

The CCGs statement did acknowledge that "it remains possible" the development could still go ahead, with applicants Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) insisting that the plans were still "on the table".

Chief executive Mary Edwards said: "The ever increasing pressure on our services makes the need for a solution even more pressing."

"We are disappointed that the commissioners have decided to delay and we disagree with their reasons, but we know we have wide support for the critical treatment hospital from MPs, local GPs and the public."

"The plan for a critical treatment hospital is still very much on the table."



• Oakley and North Waltham councillor Rob Golding feels the proposal to build a new critical care unit hospital should be delayed, and (inset) a computer generated image of the hospital (picture courtesy of Hassells)

News Bites

Cars vandalised

NORTH HAMPSHIRE: Seven people have been arrested after over 40 vehicles suffered criminal damage in the space of a three-hour period across North Hampshire on Sunday.

Police received reports of vandalism to cars in Grateley, Nether Wallop, Timsbury, Fazley, Bramshaw, Brook, Poulner and Picket Post between 3.40pm to 6.40pm.

It was reported the group was travelling in a green people carrier firing catapults at parked cars.

Among those arrested for conspiracy to commit criminal damage were four boys aged between 13 and 16, with all seven suspects released on bail until January 11 next year.

Flu jabs

BASINGSTOKE: Pregnant women attending routine antenatal appointments in Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital will be able to get protected against flu at the same appointment from this month.

Midwives will administer the vaccinations from October to March 31, 2016, at all Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) clinics.

Range opening

CHINEHAM: A new superstore will open its doors next month.

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Public given voting warning

RESIDENTS in the borough are being warned they could face a fine if they don't respond to the annual voter registration canvass.

Around half of the 73,000 households in the borough have still failed to respond to reminder letters sent out by the council so far, meaning they will be ineligible to vote.

These will be followed by door to door canvassing from Thursday, October 15, with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council asking home owners to update or confirm their details are correct on the electoral register.

Electoral registration officer Karen Brimacombe said: "There are still many more people who need to confirm or update their details.

"This is a legal requirement and one that can result in a fine if the information is not received.

"We are urging people to respond to the reminder letters before we are required to send out canvassers to knock on doors.

"This is additional expense to the council and taxpayers, and we encourage residents to help us keep this to a minimum."

Individuals will also need to confirm whether someone new is living at the property on the forms, with the council also reminding residents that not being on the register could also harm their chances of gaining credit.

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Cyclist left hurt after gang attack

A BASINGSTOKE cyclist suffered serious facial injuries after being attacked by a gang on Sunday.

The 24-year-old victim was assaulted as he rode his BMX through the underpass from Whistler Close leading to War Memorial Park.

A group of around six or seven men, all in their late teens or early 20s, approached the unnamed man as he cycled through the tunnel at around 7.30pm.

One group member then attacked and pushed him off his bike and onto the ground, where he suffered a fractured cheekbone after being kicked in the face.

The man managed to get back on his bike and ride away from his attackers before sustaining any more severe injuries.

He was treated at North Hampshire Hospital afterwards.

One group member has been described as white, in his early 20s, about 5ft 10ins tall with a medium muscular build, while he had short light brown hair and was wearing a blue jumper and black trousers.

Another suspect was black, in his late teens or early 20s, with his hair styled in several tight plaits tied across his head.

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and have moved to reassure residents that the attack was a "rare occurrence" and is unlikely to be repeated in the area.

Detective Constable Donna Free of the Northern Investigations Team said: "I am appealing to anyone who saw a group of men in and around this area that evening, or if anyone knows of a group of men that are known to

be in this area often.

"I want to reassure the public that this is a rare occurrence, however the incident has left the victim with serious injuries to his face.

"If you think you can help identify these men, please get in contact immediately."

Anyone with any information should contact police on 101.



• A man suffered a fractured cheekbone after being attacked by a gang in an underpass leading to the War Memorial Park

News Bites

Charity week

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The Mayor's Charity Week will be held later on this month.

Various events and activities will take place from Saturday, October 17 and Saturday, October 24 in a bid to raise funds and awareness for charity.

The Mayor of Basingstoke Cllr Anne Court's chosen charities for this year are Inspero, Basingstoke Multicultural Forum and The Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

Cllr Court said: "It's the first time we have done something like this and I am hoping many people that live and work in the borough will get involved and help raise awareness and money for three great charity organisations."

Stolen drugs

BASINGSTOKE: Police have sent out another appeal warning residents against taking "highly dangerous" drugs stolen from a South Ham veterinary surgery last month.

A large amount of sedatives, opiates and a substance used to euthanise animals were taken from GP Vets in Worting Road on Friday, September 25.

Tranquilliser and ketamine tablets, as well as a 500ml bottle of anaesthetic, were also stolen during the break-in.

PC Mike Ahearn of the Northern Investigations Team said: "We are urging anyone who has come into contact with these drugs not to use them, they are highly dangerous."

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News Bites**Nursery award**

BASINGSTOKE: A Basingstoke nursery has scooped a national award for the design of its new website.

Kiddi Caru in Broadmere Road was handed the Online and Social Media Strategy award at the recent Nursery World Awards.

Marketing manager Caron Moseley said: "I am absolutely delighted to win this award."

"The new website is fantastic and has been a significant part of our online and social media success and I would like to thank Digital Consortium for their design skills and for helping us to make this possible."

**Lottery results**

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, October 2.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 46753 of Basingstoke, while ticket 49631 of Oakley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 02180, and Tadley ticket 80025 gets fourth prize of £20.

Further prizes of £5 go to tickets 01469, 05360, 08359, 18214, 37026, 47928, 49403, 54726, 58789, 65464, 74227, 80318, 82657, 84291, 84519 and 89568.

Hampshire set to support refugees

By Christian Wilson

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THE leader of the county council has vowed that Hampshire will "do all it reasonably can" if called upon to provide support to the European refugee crisis.

Around four million people have been forced to flee their homes and seek refuge in neighbouring countries over the last few months due to ongoing conflicts in Syria and Iraq.

The rush of refugees has seen tensions rise in nations across south-east Europe, amid calls for other countries such as the UK to help shoulder the weight of the influx of migrants.

Prime Minister David Cameron announced last month that Britain would take in 20,000 people from Syria over the next five years in response to the crisis, with Hampshire expected to provide support.

And leader Roy Perry has revealed that Hampshire County Council had been working with district and borough councils to prepare a "coordinated" response.

"Over recent weeks, and especially since some of the dreadful images of children that have shocked the world, we have been very conscious of the role the county council may be asked to play, in responding to the European migrant situation," said

"We have been seeking advice and guidance from government, as well as an indication of where these refugees may be located and their numbers.

"Obviously, any response must be coordinated with our partner agencies, to ensure that the overall support package offered is sustainable and effective.

"We will do all we reasonably can to provide support and assistance, because morally it's the right thing to do."

Money from the UK's international aid budget would be distributed to councils across the country to house immigrants, although no fixed plan is yet in place concerning the amount of people that will be expected in certain areas.

And Cllr Perry has assured residents that the council was taking a "proactive stance in planning what [their] contribution may be" so as to ensure that public services would not be adversely affected.

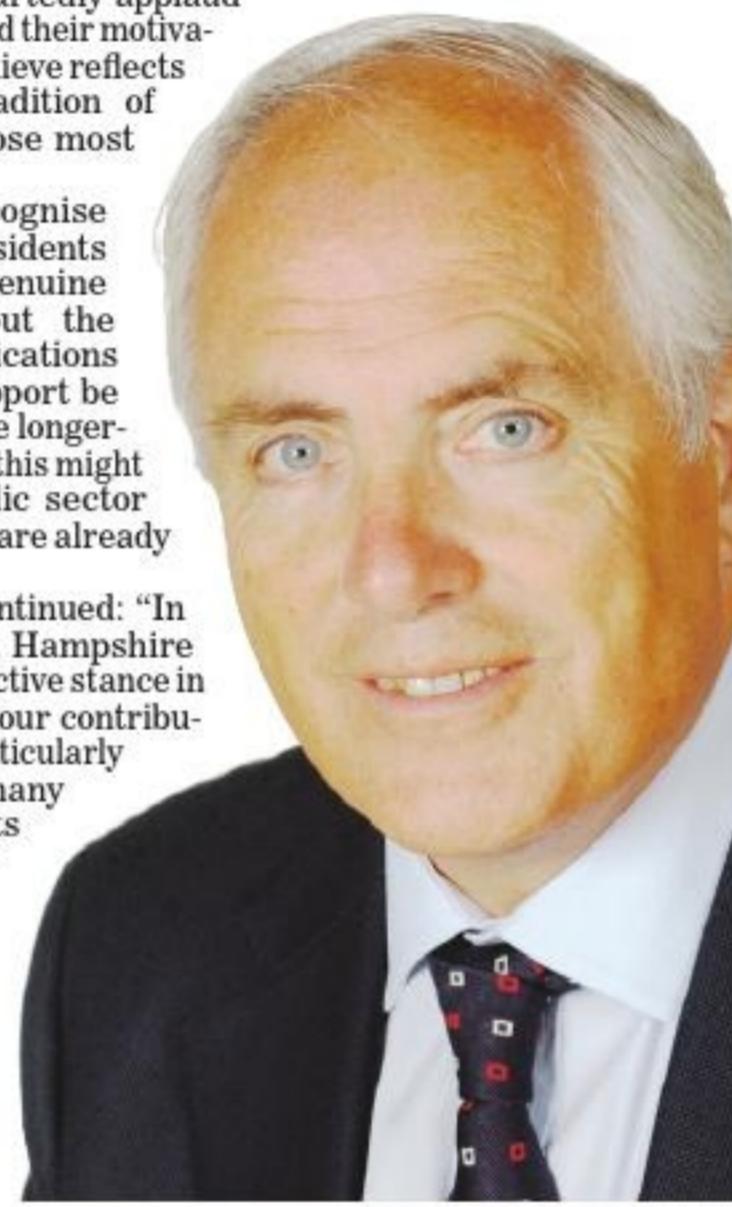
He added: "I'm aware that a number of very public-spirited residents have wanted to help

and I wholeheartedly applaud these people and their motivation, which I believe reflects a national tradition of supporting those most in need.

"I also recognise that some residents may have genuine concerns about the financial implications should our support be needed over the longer-term, and what this might mean for public sector services which are already stretched."

Cllr Perry continued: "In the meantime, Hampshire is taking a proactive stance in planning what our contribution may be; particularly as we expect many

of the migrants to be unaccompanied children or orphans who would automatically become the responsibility of the county council on their arrival in Hampshire – as children in our care."



• Hampshire County Council leader Roy Perry has underlined the importance of a "coordinated" approach to the European refugee crisis

Mobile stolen in robbery

A POLICE investigation has been launched after a man was assaulted during a robbery in Basingstoke on Friday morning.

The 26-year-old victim was speaking on his mobile phone while walking in the Oakridge area at around 12.30am when two men approached him.

One of the suspects punched him in the back of the head as they passed the other way along a footpath between Sutton Road and Scotney Road.

The victim suffered a cut to his chin after falling to the ground, with the robbers taking his Motorola G phone and then running off in the direction of Queen Mary Avenue.

Both men are described as white and aged between 20 and 30 years old, while one is understood to be around 5ft 10ins and was wearing square or rectangular glasses.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Tracy West said: "We are appealing to anyone who was in this area at the time.

"Did you see or hear anything that may assist in identifying these men?

"Have you or anyone you know recently been offered a black Motorola G mobile phone?"

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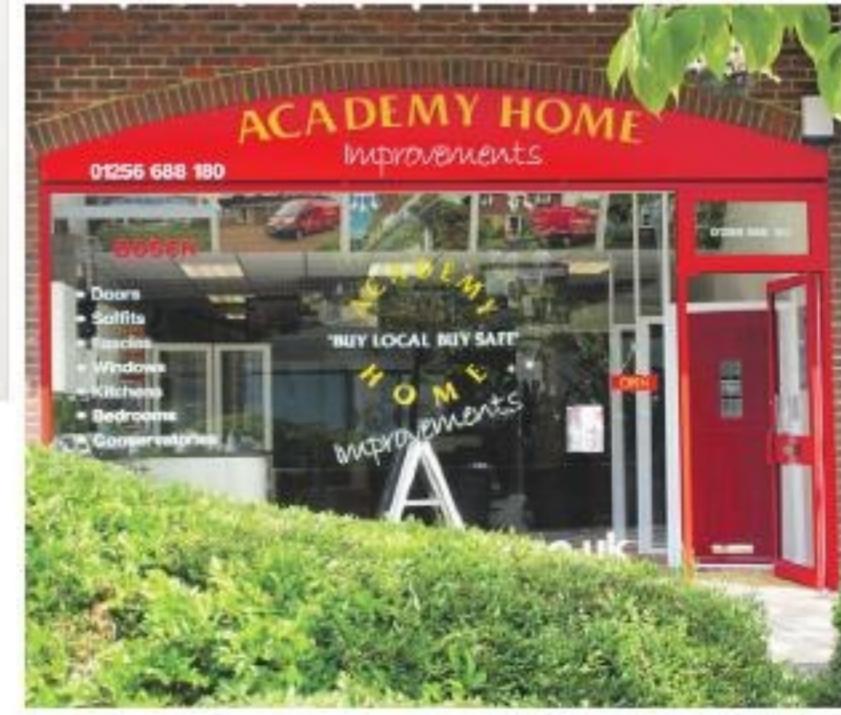


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News Bites**Man charged**

BASINGSTOKE: A man from Basingstoke has been charged with burglary after police discovered him in an empty building.

Police were called to the Eli Lilly building in Pelton Road, Basingstoke, at around 12.50pm last Wednesday following reports that a man had been spotted entering the premises.

The man was caught inside the building and charged with a non-dwelling burglary, and will appear at Basingstoke Magistrate's Court on Thursday, October 15.

Funding boost

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke-based housing association Sentinel has announced it has raised over £8,500 for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance in the last year. The air ambulance charity needs to raise over £4,000 per day to carry on operations.

Sentinel head of organisational development Cathryn Gee said: "Yet again our brilliant people have done all sorts of things to raise money."

Holly Market

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON: The popular Holly Market will return later this month to Sherfield-on-Loddon.

Over 45 stalls offering a range of products will be on display, while serving a variety of different foods from across the world.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 24 at Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall.

"Doting grandmother" killed in boat accident



• Sheila Currie was killed after she fell off a powerboat, and (right) Sheila with partner Peter Thorburn

A HOOK grandmother who bled to death after falling off a powerboat in the River Thames has been described as a "joy to be around".

Sheila Currie was fatally injured when her leg became caught under the propeller as she tried to tie the boat to the riverbank while mooring at Cleeve Lock in Goring.

An inquest ruled that the 69-year-old's death was accidental, although Oxfordshire assistant coroner Nicholas Graham was unable to establish whether she had become entangled in the rope or had slipped on the bank.

A lock keeper freed Mrs Currie, of Oaklands in Hartley Wintney, after a 20-minute struggle, before she was flown by air ambulance to John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, where she passed away soon afterwards.

Partner Peter Thorburn was with the grandmother-of-two on the boat during the accident on May 18, and has paid tribute to the woman he was due to marry just four months later.

"She was the joy of my life and a joy to be around," said Mr Thorburn. "She was so adventurous, and I never knew where we were going to go next when I woke up each morning."

"I was holding onto her when she was in the water, and she said 'don't let me go, Peter' –

then her eyes flickered and she was gone."

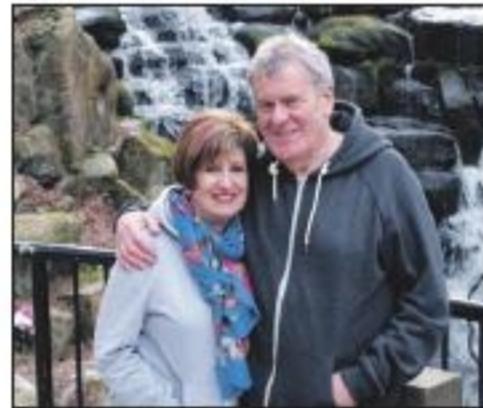
He added: "Everyone she knew loved her and she was a doting mother and grandmother, as well as being like a mum to my children too."

"She was only ever interested in others, never herself. It's just an absolute tragedy."

Speaking at last Wednesday's inquest at the Oxfordshire Coroner's Office, Mr Graham said: "My verdict is one of accidental death, which won't come as a surprise to anyone."

"Pulling everything together, it's not clear to me whether the rope was instrumental or she just slipped on the wet grass."

He added: "I am conscious that this may look like just a legal process, but the family do have my sincerest condolences."



Appeal launched after Argos purse theft

POLICE are searching for a man who stole cash from a 14-year-old girl's purse in a Basingstoke shop.

The suspect was pictured on CCTV committing the theft in an Argos store in Old Basing Mall last Monday at around 1.21pm.

A total of £75 in cash was taken by the man after the teenager left her purse by the shop catalogues for around five minutes.

He then left the purse and the rest of its contents and exited the store before he could be stopped.

The man is described as Asian, had short dark hair, and was wearing a plain white long sleeved top and blue jeans.

He was also sporting a watch on his left wrist and black trainers with a white stripe.

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Heart charity gets £1,000 fund boost

A BASINGSTOKE charity that helps those at risk of heart disease has received a cash injection from a leading house builder.

Basingstoke and Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation has been awarded £1,000 as part of a scheme from Persimmon Homes Thames Valley.

The charity will use the funds to get more people involved in their 10-week Stay Well campaign that focuses on those that have any of the risk factors associated with heart disease.

General manager Martin Lovell said: "It is fantastic to receive this donation.

"We have set ourselves a target to increase the number of individuals joining the scheme by 150 over the next year.

"This funding will allow us to help more people who benefit most from what we do at our specialist centre."

Community Champions is a year-long programme aimed at spreading £750,000 of funding to groups and charities from the area.

Persimmon Homes managing director Martyn Clark said: "We are delighted to be donating £1,000 to the Basingstoke and Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation charity.

"Persimmon Homes Thames Valley has had a fantastic response to its Community Champions scheme, and it is always a tricky task to pick our winners each month."

A SCHEME to give local businesses the power to independently shape the image of the Top of Town has taken another step forward.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet gave its backing to the creation of a Business Improvement District (BID) at a meeting last week.

The committee also voted in favour of offering accommoda-

tion in Market Chambers rent free for the next five years as offices for the 'Basingstoke Together' BID.

Town centre traders would be given the opportunity to fund projects and events themselves

on top of the services provided by the council using funds generated by a small levy charge as part of the move.

Businesses are set to vote on whether to adopt the scheme in November, with borough council leader Clive Sanders pointing out that the authority was only there to "help it on its way", and wouldn't interfere.

Cllr Sanders said: "Clearly, this

is not our creature, it's a creature of the people, by the people.

"We are there to help it on its way, as we have a duty to do that, not to feel that we have ownership of it in anyway."

He added: "We don't own the town, we're servants to the town."

A steering group made up of business owners would provide the day-to-day running of the BID, in an attempt to follow the example of similar schemes in Winchester, Reading and Newbury.

Council chief executive Melbourne Barrett was also encouraged to vote 'yes' on the authority's behalf in the ballot at Tuesday's meeting, leading Eastrop councillor Gavin James to question how impartial the council was on the issue.

Cllr James said: "This should be business led, but as you go through the paper, you see us having a really key role.

"Instructing the chief executive to vote 'yes' makes it very difficult to say that this is impartial in any way, and it steps into a dangerous world.

"There has to be some separation, and at the moment, we seem to be promoting it, voting for it, sitting on it, and shipping it, which is not right."

News Bites

Alice events

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke Discovery Centre is hosting a variety of events to celebrate the 150th birthday of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland throughout next month.

The centre will host a series of talks ranging on subjects of language, the places and names featured in the book, and how it is connected to Basingstoke.

The first event will involve a talk from Dr Gary Farnell, from the University of Winchester, on Wednesday, November 4 from 2pm, with tickets costing £3.

For more information, visit hants.gov.uk/shop/home.

Garden fire

BASINGSTOKE: Four garden sheds and a yurt were all completely destroyed by a fire in Basingstoke last Wednesday.

Firefighters from Basingstoke fire station were called to an address in Bounty Road at around 3.39pm to tackle the blaze.

The crews spent over two hours putting out the fire, and ensured that it was not able to spread, meaning no further damage took place.

Cyber threats

BASINGSTOKE: A free event highlighting how cyber security can create major new opportunities for start-up businesses will take place today.

Business partnership SETS-squared will host the event at its hub in Basing View from 5.30pm to 8pm.

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A move to create a Business Improvement District in Basingstoke has been supported by borough council leader Clive Sanders (left) but has been questioned by Eastrop councillor Gavin James (right)

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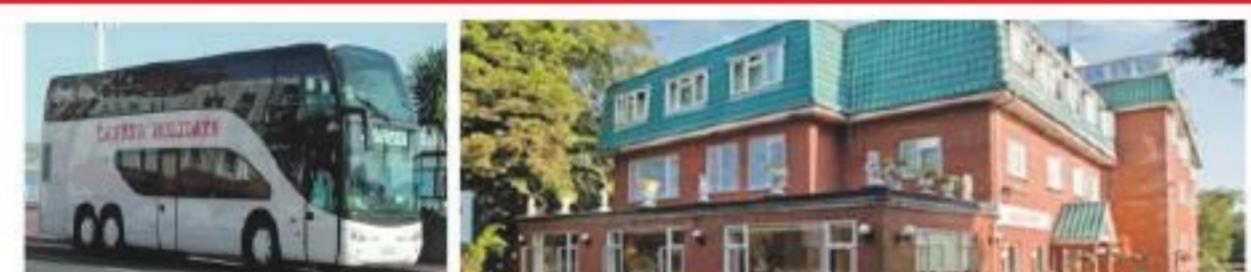
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The Troggs, who had such huge hits as Wild Thing, Love Is All Around and With A Girl Like You, perform, along with Badfinger featuring Bob Jackson performing all their hits including No Matter What, Day After Day and Come And Get It.

Joining the line-up is The Ivy League with Tossing And Turning and Funny How Love Can Be, whilst The Pacemakers will round off the evening of fabulous talent with an array of songs by Gerry and the Pacemakers.

Closing date: Sunday, October 18

Tickets for the All Star 60s Show are priced £28.50 (includes £1 booking fee). For more information or for tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or use the Anvil Arts website [anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk).

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5 Chooses (5)	3 Dispute (7)
8 Song (4)	4 Representation of abstractions by emblems (9)
9 Obvious (8)	5 Cost (5)
10 Period of the French Revolution (5,2,6)	6 Encouraged (7)
13 Fairy (4)	7 Works of irony (7)
14 Thick paper (4)	11 Peculiar to one profession (9)
17 Resolution (13)	12 Fundamental (7)
19 Disinfectant (8)	13 Came to an end (7)
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21 Live as a paying guest (5)	16 Cause to rebound (6)
22 Embraced (7)	8 European river (5)

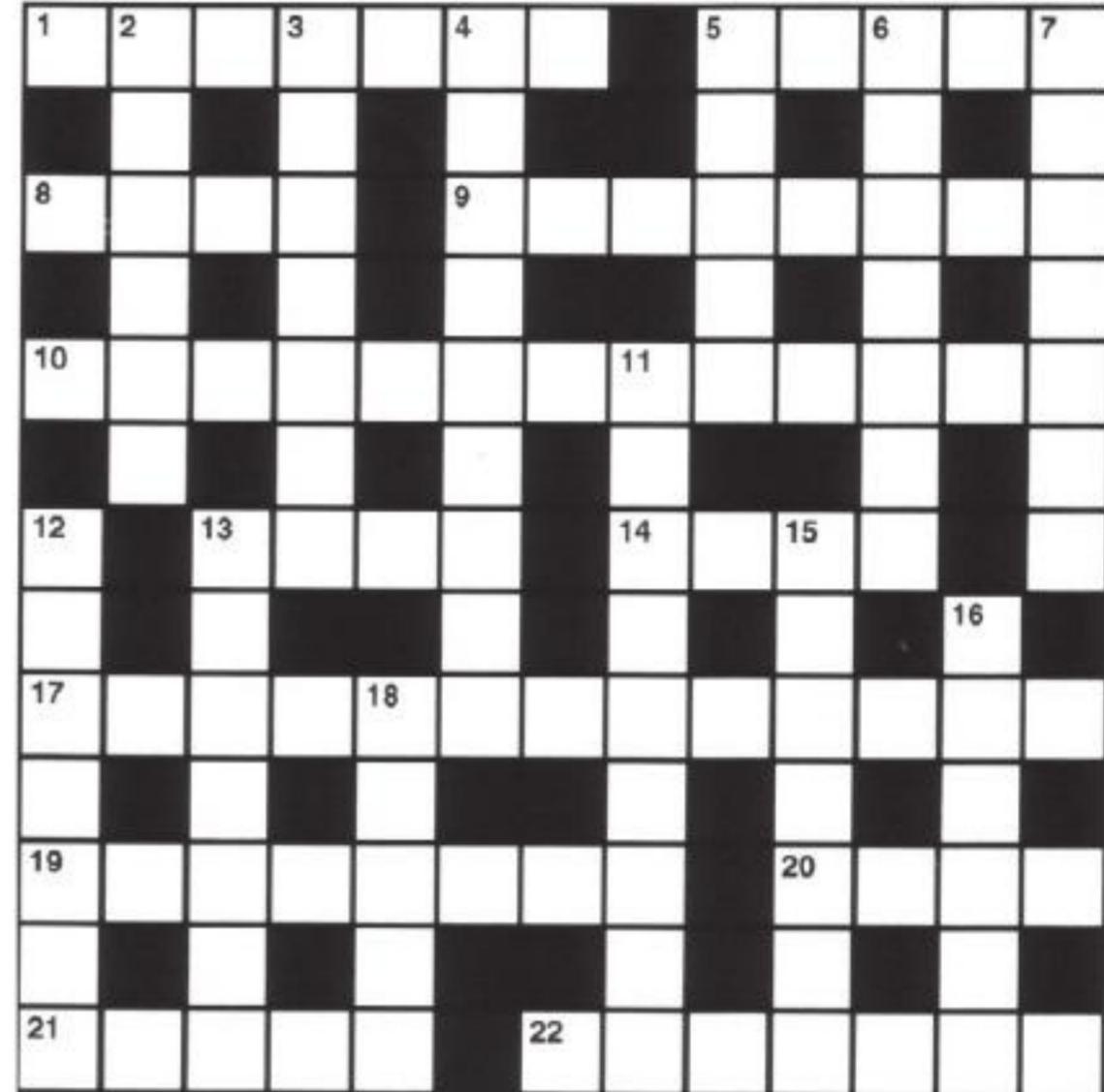
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Cryptic Clues Across

1 Vow that I'm coming back in a non-poetic state (7)
5 Covers the lawsuits (5)
8 Like a first-class backward continent (4)
9 Something or someone in opposition (8)
10 No, it takes one to dart back, followed by a friend, in the old way (13)
13 Real quality cannot, as the saying goes, be too good (4)
14 Made a bow with the same result (4)
17 Did they bring about freedom through termination? (13)
19 Legendary change from a foul bus (8)
20 Take to the air and discover the country (4)
21 Give me back a mixture of rye and polish it off (5)
22 Stupid, like being twice in the east? (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Rays or else beads (6)
3 Wind - and in a mere muddle (7)
4 Note the neck wear down the street (9)
5 Can hold the French in a spotless condition
6 Arranged for the wrong test to be directed (7)
7 Soaked the beam and hurried around (7)
11 Barns are unfashionable dwelling places (9)
12 The gnome moves the air back a bit (7)
13 The difficulty of beginning to translate a foreign coin (7)
15 No, I diet with a different book (7)
16 Inherited tendency to exert oneself? (6)
18 Filling with any fifty-one variations (5)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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This week's solutions

5	4	3	6	2	7	8	9	5
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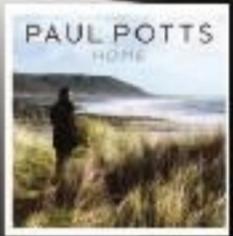
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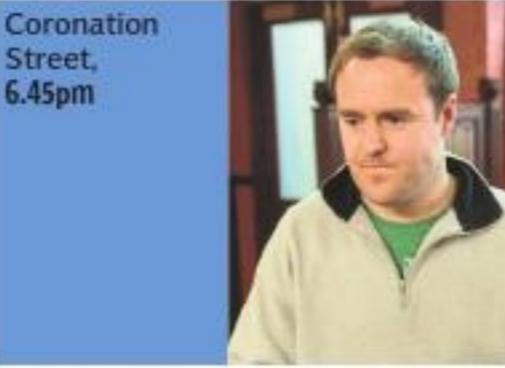
Have I Got News for You, 9pm

BBC2



Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise, 9.30pm

ITV



Coronation Street, 6.45pm

Channel 4



Alan Carr: Chatty Man: SU2C Special, 10pm

Channel 5



41 Dogs in a 3-Bed Semi, 8pm

DAYTIME

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6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Rip Off Britain** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming** (S)(R) **11.45 Thief Trackers** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News; Weather**; (S) **1.00 BBC Regional News and Weather**; (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Declimate Quiz** show, hosted by Shane Richie. Last in the series. (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** House-hunting in Devon. (S)(R) **3.45 Home Away from Home** (S) **4.30 Antiques Road Trip** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News**; Weather (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes**; Weather (S)

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Alex Jones. (S) **7.30 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits** Extra material from the panel show; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8.00 EastEnders Ian demands answers from Kathy. (S) **8.30 Still Open All Hours** Granville's plans to open a coffee shop cause a stir in the neighbourhood. (S)(R)

9.00 Have I Got News for You Hosted by Kathy Burke. (S) **9.30 The Kennedys** Emma receives her first Valentine's Day card. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S) **10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather**; (S) National Lottery Update (S) **10.35 The Graham Norton Show** With guests Carey Mulligan, Meryl Streep and Nicole Kidman. (S)

11.25 Asian Provocateur Romesh Ranganathan meets his Uncle Ragu. (S) **11.55 FILM Lay the Favorite** (2012) (15) Comedy, starring Rebecca Hall and Bruce Willis. (S)

AFTER 12.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.25 BBC News** (S)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 **Total Bonkers** Guinness World Records **6.20** Psych **7.05** Emmerdale **8.10** You've Been Framed! **8.35** Dinner Date **9.35** Psych **10.25** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.10** Emmerdale **1.10** You've Been Framed! **1.40** Dinner Date **2.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Judge Rinder **7.00** You've Been Framed! **8.00** FILM: Rumour Has It (2005) (12) **10.00** FILM: Practical Magic (1998) (12) **12.10** Two and a Half Men **1.05** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Nicole Scherzinger: The Hot Desk **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 **In Loving Memory** **6.25** Heartbeat **7.20** Murder, She Wrote **8.20** Where the Heart Is **9.30** Judge Judy **10.50** Inspector Morse **1.05** Heartbeat **2.05** Wild at Heart **3.05** Where the Heart Is **4.10** Doctor in the House **4.45** Rising Damp **5.15** In Loving Memory **5.50** Heartbeat **6.50** Murder, She Wrote **7.55** Foyle's War **10.00** Law & Order: UK **11.00** The Vice **12.40** FILM:

Private Benjamin (1980) (15) **2.30** Where the Heart Is **3.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.15** Doctor Who **8.00** FILM: Confessions of a Shopaholic (2009) (PG) **9.35** Russell Howard's Good News **10.05** EastEnders (2013) **10.35** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.20** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **12.25** Family Guy **12.45** Together **1.15** Russell Howard's Good News **1.45** Asian Provocateur **2.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **3.00** Funz & Gamez **3.30** Together **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Dame Fanny Waterman: A Lifetime in Music **8.00** Andre Previn at the BBC **9.00** Tales from the Tour Bus: Rock 'n' Roll on the Road **10.00** Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie **11.00** Indie Classics at the BBC **12.00** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **1.00** Tales from the Tour Bus: Rock 'n' Roll on the Road **2.00** Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie **3.00** Indie Classics at the BBC **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **6.25** Charmed **7.10** Revenge **8.00** Rude (ish) Tube **9.00** Baby Daddy **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** Baby Daddy **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.30** The Big Bang Theory; Top 5 Ray **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Bad (ish) Robots **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009) (12) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.10** Chewing Gum **12.40** Tattoo Fixers **1.40** Tattoos After Dark **2.35** 2 Broke Girls **3.25** How I Met Your Mother **4.10** Revenge **4.55** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Double Your House for Half the Money **10.00** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **10.30** FILM: The Sons of Katie Elder (1965) (U) **12.55** Time Team **2.00** Come Dine with Me **4.40** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **5.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **6.50** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** FILM:

Road to Perdition (2002) (15) Depression-era gangster drama, starring Tom Hanks and Paul Newman. **11.20** Embarrassing Bodies Down Under **12.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.35** 24 Hours in A&E **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Constant Husband (1995) (U) **12.45** Drums Along the Mohawk (1939) (PG) **2.50** The Long Memory (1952) (PG) **4.40** Stagecoach (1966) (PG) **6.55** The Perks of Being a Wallflower (2012) (12) **9.00** Vehicle 19 (2013) (12) **10.40** Taken (2008) (15) **12.30** Police Story 3: Supercop (1992) (15) **2.25** Mistaken for Strangers (2013) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Rocket City Rednecks **7.20** Top Gear **8.10** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** American Pickers **10.00** Top Gear **12.00** Lizard Lick Towing **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** American Pickers **4.00** Top Gear **5.00** Storage Hunters **6.00** Ice Road Truckers **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Storage Hunters UK **9.00**

Dynamo: Magician Impossible **10.00** Mock the Week **12.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **1.00** Would I Lie to You? **3.00** Dave's One Night Stand **3.30** Meat Men **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Monkey Life **7.00** Road Wars **8.00** Futurama **9.00** Live European Tour Golf. **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Mount Pleasant **10.00** One Hundred and Eighty! **11.00** Zoo **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** UK Border Force

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Seinfeld **8.00** Richard E. Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** House **11.00** Without a Trace **12.00** Blue Bloods **1.00** Stargate Atlantis **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.00** Seinfeld **4.00** Richard E. Grant's Hotel Secrets **5.00** House **7.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Wire **11.30** Ballers **12.45** Aquarius **1.45** The Affair **3.00** True Blood **4.10** Star Trek: Enterprise **5.05** Stargate Atlantis

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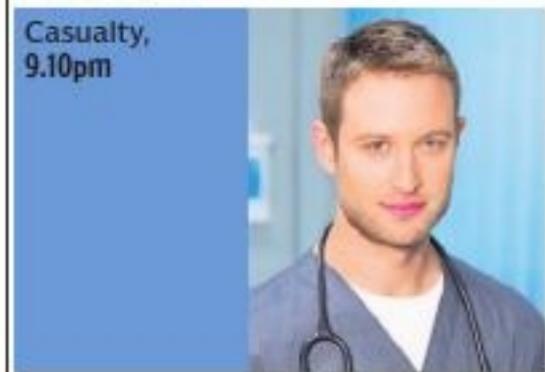
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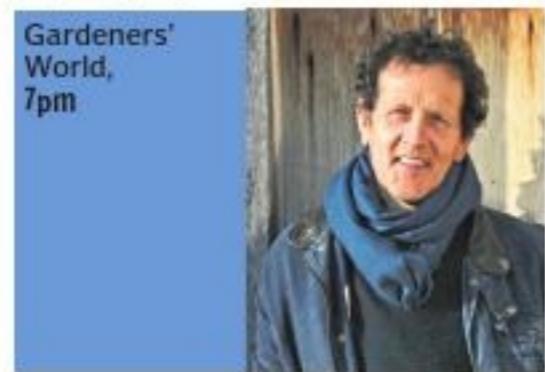
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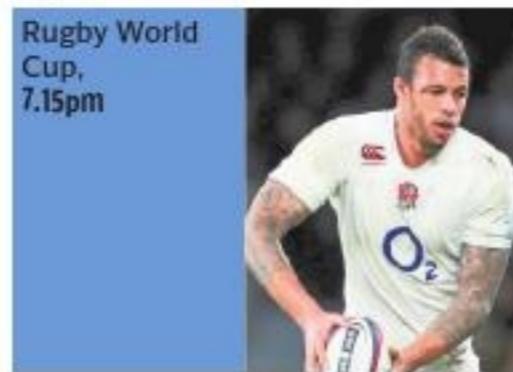
Casualty, 9.10pm

BBC2



Gardeners' World, 7pm

ITV



Rugby World Cup, 7.15pm

Channel 4



Celebrity Benchmark, 7pm

Channel 5



Football League Tonight, 9pm

DAYTIME

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AFTER 12

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6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 Football Focus (S) 12.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 12.10 Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix - Qualifying (S) 2.25 Bargain Hunt An antiques fair at Derby University. (S)(R) 3.25 **The Great British Bake Off: The Class of 2014** A look back at series five's winner and losers. (S)(R) 4.25 **Escape to the Country (S)(R) 5.10 BBC News (S) 5.20 BBC Regional News and Weather (S) 5.30 Pointless Celebrities (S) 6.20 Strictly Come Dancing** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host a movie-themed edition. (S)

8.25 Doctor Who A desperate alien warlord's efforts to survive have far-reaching consequences. (S)

9.10 Casualty Cal finds himself back on an even keel. (S)

10.00 The National Lottery Live The winning numbers are revealed by Gaby Roslin. (S) **10.10 BBC News; Weather (S) 10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys** Agnes falls under a hypnotist's spell. (S)(R)

11.00 FILM Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.10 BBC News (S)

6.25 Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix - Practice One Replay (S)(R) 8.15 Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix - Practice Two Replay (S)(R) 9.55 Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix - Practice Three (S) 11.05 The Women's Football Show (S)(R) 11.30 Great British Menu (S)(R) 2.30 Formula 1 Rewind A look back at three races defined by individual brilliance. (S) 3.30 **Coast (S)(R) 4.00 World's Wierdest Events** Documentary unlocking secrets behind unusual occurrences. (S)(R) 5.00 **Flog It! (S)(R) 6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (S)(R)**

7.00 Gardeners' World Monty Don tackles seasonal jobs at Longmeadow. (S)(R) **7.30 Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise (S)(R)**

8.30 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring enlists an unusual recruit. (S)(R)

9.00 Ted Hughes: Stronger Than Death Examining how the poet's life shaped his work, including an interview with his daughter Frieda, as well as testimony from family members, friends and fellow writers. (S)

10.30 QI With Sarah Millican, Jason Manford and Bill Bailey. (S)(R)

11.00 Cradle to Grave Danny finds himself at a crossroads with Miss Blondel. (S)(R) **11.30 Boy Meets Girl** Leo has a special question for Judy. Last in the series. (S)(R)

12.00 FILM Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997) (15) Fact-based drama, starring John Cusack. (S) **2.25 FILM Lady Caroline Lamb (1972) (15) (S) 4.25 This Is BBC Two**

6.00 CITV 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) 10.20 Countrywise Series exploring the UK's countryside. (S)(R) 10.45 **ITV News; Weather (S) 10.55 The X Factor** The first round of the Six Chair Challenge arrives. (S)(R) **12.55 Downton Abbey** Mr Carson and Mrs Hughes' wedding arrives. (S)(R) **2.00 Rugby World Cup** Scotland v Samoa (kick-off 2.30pm). (S) 4.30 **Rugby World Cup** Australia v Wales (kick-off 4.45pm). Coverage of the concluding Pool A match for both teams, which takes place at Twickenham. (S) **6.55 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)**

7.00 ITV News (S) 7.15 Rugby World Cup England v Uruguay (kick-off 8.00pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the final match in Pool A, which takes place at Manchester City Stadium. (S)

8.00 Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms Part two of two. The countdown of the UK's favourite comedies concludes and the nation's favourite sitcom is revealed. Tamsin Greig narrates. (S)

9.00 At Home with Steph and Dom Chat show with the much-loved couple from Gogglebox, as they host a series of celebrity dinners at their plush B&B, The Salutation. (S)

10.15 Through the Keyhole Dave Berry, Michael Buerk and Ashley Roberts try to guess which mystery celebrities have invited Keith Lemon to poke through their personal belongings. Last in the series. (S)

11.15 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.35 Rugby World Cup Highlights Action from Scotland v Samoa, Australia v Wales and England v Uruguay. (S)

12.50 Jackpot247 3.00 Show Me the Telly (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightshift

6.10 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) 7.00 The Grid Including action from the World Rally Championship. (S) **7.30 FILM Superbike World Championship (S) 8.00 The Morning Line** Nick Luck gets an insight into the Godolphin operation. (S) **9.00 Frasier (S)(R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory (S) 10.55 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Newmarket and York. (S) **4.10 Channel 4 News (S) 4.35 Couples Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 6.05 Location, Location, Location** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help prospective buyers in Cardiff. (S)(R)

7.00 Celebrity Benchmark Vic Reeves and Jimmy Carr battle it out for the contestant's chair as Paddy McGuinness hosts another star-studded round of the game show. (S)

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10.05 FILM Tower Heist (2011) (12) The manager of an apartment complex recruits a thief to steal back his friends' pension fund from a Wall Street fraudster. Crime comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. (S)

12.10 Sex Diaries: Gigolos (S)(R) 1.10 Josh Widdicombe: And Another Thing (S)(R) **2.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man: SU2C Special (S)(R) 3.00 Hollyoaks (S)(R) 5.05 Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R)**

12.45 The Gadget Show (S)(R) 1.35 Access 1.40 SuperCasino 3.10 The Yorkshire Vet (S)(R) **4.00 Body Donors (S)(R) 4.50 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.15 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Angels of Jarm (S)(R)**

ITV2 SKY: 11.8 FV: 6 6.00 **Total Bonkers** Guinness World Records 6.25 **Emmerdale 9.05 Coronation Street 11.00 The Cube 12.05 Tricked 1.05 The Hot Desk: Alesha Dixon 1.20 The X Factor 3.20 The Xtra Factor 4.20 Catchphrase** Celebrity Special 5.20 **FILM: Beethoven (1992) (U) 7.05 FILM: She's the Man (2006) (12)** Romantic comedy, starring Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum. 9.10 **FILM: American Pie: The Wedding (2003) (15)** Comedy sequel, starring Jason Biggs. 11.15 **Celebrity Juice 12.05 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 1.05 Release the Hounds 1.55 Tricked 2.45 Total Bonkers** Guinness World Records 3.00 **Teleshopping**

ITV3 SKY: 11.9 FV: 10 6.00 **Where the Heart Is 8.00 FILM: Ben-Hur (1959) (PG) 12.15 Inspector Morse 2.30 FILM: Emma (1996) (U) Jane Austen drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. 4.55 Lewis 6.55 Doc Martin 8.00 Midsomer Murders 10.00 Lewis 12.05 Agatha Christie's Marple 2.05 ITV3 Nightshift 2.30 Teleshopping**

BBC3 SKY: 11.5 FV: 7 7.00 **Top Gear** With actor Michael Fassbender. 8.05 **Don't Tell the Bride 9.05 Russell Howard's Good News 9.35 FILM: Tropic Thunder (2008) (15)** Comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Robert Downey Jr. 11.15 **Family Guy 1.25 Together 1.55 Asian Provocateur 2.25 Russell Howard's Good News 2.55 Don't Tell the Bride 3.55 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 11.6 FV: 9

7.00 **Three Men Go to Scotland 8.00 Burma, My Father and the Forgotten Army 9.00 Beck: The Hospital Murders 10.25 Spike Milligan: Love, Light and Peace 11.55 Top of the Pops: 1980 12.30 Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie 1.30 Indie Classics at the BBC 2.30 Tales from the Tour Bus: Rock 'n' Roll on the Road 3.30 Close**

E4 SKY: 13.6 FV: 28

6.00 **Rude(ish) Tube 7.10 Suburgatory 8.00 Melissa & Joey 9.00 Baby Daddy 10.00 How I Met Your Mother**

11.00 **Melissa & Joey 12.00 The Goldbergs 12.30 The Big Bang Theory 1.00 FILM: Planet 51 (2009) (U) 2.45 The Big Bang Theory 4.45 FILM: Penelope (2006) (U) Romantic fantasy, starring Christina Ricci. 6.35 **The Big Bang Theory 7.30 The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Howard 10.00 Gogglebox 11.40 Tattoo Fixers 12.40 The Inbetweeners 1.50 The IT Crowd 2.45 How I Met Your Mother 3.30 The New Normal 3.55 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.20 Revenge****

MORE4 SKY: 13.8 FV: 14

8.55 **Time Team 11.05 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites 11.15 FILM: Carry On Abroad (1972) (PG) 1.00 Four in a Bed 3.40 Grand Designs 5.50 Disappearing Britain 6.35 Homes by the Sea 8.00 The Queen's Big Night Out 9.00 The Queen's Mother-in-Law 10.00 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 11.10 The World's Biggest Penis 12.15 40 Year Old Virgins 1.20 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 2.25 The World's Biggest Penis 3.30 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites 3.35 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 31.5 FV: 15 11.00 **Mysterious Island (1961) (PG) 1.00 We Bought a Zoo (2011) (PG) 3.35 Iron Man (2008) (12) Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr. 6.05 **The Karate Kid (2010) (PG) 9.00 Taken 2 (2012) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson. 10.50 Crimson Peak - Exclusive Preview 10.55 Hellboy (2004) (12) Comic-book action fantasy, starring Ron Perlman. 1.15 **The Raid (2011) (18) 3.40 Close******

DAVE SKY: 11.1 FV: 12

7.10 **Extreme Fishing with Robson Green 8.00 American Pickers 10.00 MegaTruckers 12.00 Lizard Lick Towing 1.30 Storage Hunters 3.30 Storage Hunters UK 4.00 Storage Hunters 5.00 Top Gear 6.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible 7.00 Motorway Cops 8.00 Would I Lie to You? 10.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 11.00 Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled 12.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 1.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 2.00 Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled 2.55 Crackanory 3.30 Meat Men 4.00 Close**

SKY1 SKY: 106 6.00 **Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? 7.00 Glee 8.00 Game Changers 8.30 Football Freestylers 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club 10.00 Soccer AM 12.00 The F1 Show 1.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 3.00 Futurama 4.00 Futurama 5.00 Modern Family 6.00 The Simpsons 8.00 Landscape Artist of the Year 9.00 You, Me and the Apocalypse 11.00 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammy 12.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 1.00 Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets 2.00 Night Cops 4.00 Stargate Atlantis**

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108 6.00 **The Guest Wing 7.00 Seinfeld 10.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 1.00 The Petrol Age 2.00 David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 3.00 Blue Bloods 7.00 Without a Trace 9.00 Ballers 2.55 Curb Your Enthusiasm 4.05 Seinfeld**

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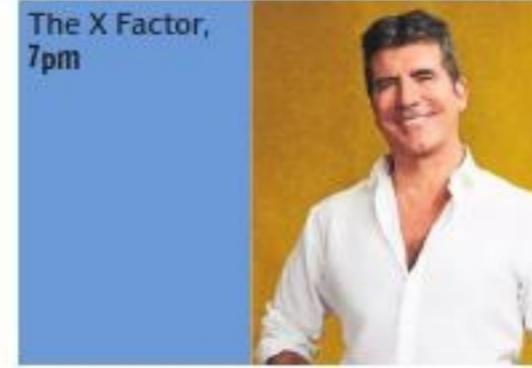
Antiques Roadshow, 8pm

BBC2



Rugby League: Super League Grand Final Highlights, 5pm

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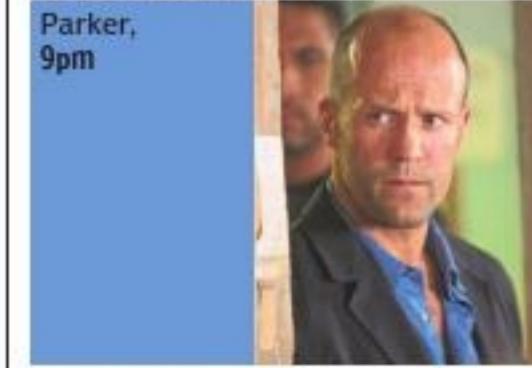
The X Factor, 7pm

Channel 4



Men in Black 3, 7pm

Channel 5



Parker, 9pm

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DIGITAL

6.00 Breakfast (S) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix (S) 2.15 Sunday Politics Presented by Andrew Neil. (S) 3.20 The Great British Bake Off: The Final The three remaining bakers battle it out in the series final. Last in the series. (S)(R) 4.20 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 4.50 Points of View (S) 5.05 Lifeline (S) 5.15 Songs of Praise (S) 5.50 BBC News (S) 6.10 BBC Regional News and Weather (S) 6.15 Countryfile Matt Baker reports on the annual red deer rut in Cheshire's Lyme Park. (S)

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results The second couple are eliminated, and Andrea Bocelli sings. (S)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce and the team visit the Royal William Yard in Plymouth, where they cast their eyes over Lord Nelson's doorknobs, and a diamond necklace the length of a skipping rope. (S)

9.00 From Darkness Another body is discovered, which seems to have been left as a message for Claire. Norrie feels he and Claire are being dragged apart, as personal and professional issues collide. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News (S) 10.30 Sir Alex Ferguson: Secrets of Success Former BBC Political Editor Nick Robinson interviews the retired Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson. (S)

11.30 Rooney: The Man Behind the Goals Gary Lineker presents a profile of England's all-time leading scorer. (S)(R)

AFTER 12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.35 BBC News (S)

ITV2 SKY: 11.8 FV: 6
6.00 Keshi: The Hot Desk 6.10 The Cube 6.55 Emmerdale 9.50 Coronation Street 11.45 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 12.45 Catchphrase 1.30 The Very Best of You've Been Framed! 2.35 FILM: Stormbreaker (2006) (PG) Spy adventure, starring Alex Pettyfer. 4.25 FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Adam Sandler. 6.15 FILM: Hulk (2003) (12) Comic-strip adventure, starring Eric Bana. 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 FILM: Casino Royale (2006) (12) James Bond spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig. 12.55 Viral Tap 1.40 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.00 Keshi: The Hot Desk 2.10 Teleshopping 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 11.9 FV: 10
6.00 FILM: Emma (1996) (U) 8.20 Heartbeat 10.25 Rosemary & Thyme 12.25 Lewis 2.25 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.25 FILM: The Prince and the Showgirl (1957) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe. 6.50 Foyle's War 9.00 Sunday Night at

6.00 Breakfast (S) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix (S) 2.15 Sunday Politics Presented by Andrew Neil. (S) 3.20 The Great British Bake Off: The Final The three remaining bakers battle it out in the series final. Last in the series. (S)(R) 4.20 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 4.50 Points of View (S) 5.05 Lifeline (S) 5.15 Songs of Praise (S) 5.50 BBC News (S) 6.10 BBC Regional News and Weather (S) 6.15 Countryfile Matt Baker reports on the annual red deer rut in Cheshire's Lyme Park. (S)

7.00 Licence to Thrill - Paul Hollywood Meets Aston Martin The Great British Bake Off's Paul Hollywood indulges his passion for Aston Martin cars. (S)(R)

8.00 Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish New series. Ben Fogle presents a fishing challenge in which anglers test their skill in the world's most inhospitable areas. The contestants fish the freezing waters of Iceland. (S)

9.00 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF New series. Documentary following the Red Arrows, the RAF's aerobatics display team through a summer display season. (S)

10.00 Family Guy Brian goes to obedience classes. (S) **10.25 Family Guy** Meg becomes infatuated with a popular boy at school. (S) **10.45 Family Guy** Peter tells the story of Christmas - with a twist. (S)

11.05 Top Coppers The star of a hit sci-fi show receives death threats. (S) **11.35 FILM Chances Are (1989) (PG)** Romantic comedy, with Cybill Shepherd. (S)

1.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 2.20 Holby City (S)(R) 3.20 This Is BBC Two (S)

the Palladium 10.00 Birds of a Feather 10.30 City Lights 11.35 FILM: Death Becomes Her (1992) (PG) Black comedy fantasy, starring Goldie Hawn and Meryl Streep. 1.35 Agatha Christie's Marple 3.10 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 11.5 FV: 7
7.00 Formula 1 - Russian Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News 10.00 FILM: Scream (1996) (18) Horror, starring Neve Campbell. 11.45 Family Guy 12.25 American Dad! 12.50 Family Guy 1.10 Together 1.40 Asian Provocateur 2.10 KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy 3.10 Russell Howard's Good News 3.40 Dead Air 4.00 Close

BBC4 SKY: 11.6 FV: 9
7.00 The Search for Life: The Drake Equation 8.00 Simon Armitage in Conversation with Tony Harrison 9.00 Return to Larkindale 10.00 The Sky at Night 10.30 Black Roses: The Killing of Sophie Lancaster 11.15 Twin Sisters: A World Apart 12.15 FILM:

6.00 CITV 9.25 Murder, She Wrote George Clooney guest stars. (S)(R) **10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA** The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (S)(R) **11.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.30 Rugby World Cup** Argentina v Namibia (kick-off 12.00pm). (S) **2.10 Rugby World Cup** Italy v Romania (kick-off 2.30pm). (S) **4.20 Rugby World Cup** France v Ireland (Kick-off 4.45pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the concluding match in Pool D from Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. (S) **6.55 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.55 ITV News (S)**

7.00 The X Factor The Six Chair Challenge continues, as the judges each choose six acts to take a coveted place in the live shows - but are able to change their minds at any point in the show. (S)

9.00 Downton Abbey An old friend returns in unexpected circumstances, Baxter is faced with a dilemma and Thomas struggles to fill Carson's shoes. A crisis takes Anna and Mary to London. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.15 Rugby World Cup Highlights Martin Bayfield presents action from the final four pool-stage matches, which were France v Ireland, Argentina v Namibia, Italy v Romania and USA v Japan.

11.15 Perspectives: In Charlie Chaplin's Footsteps (S)(R)

12.15 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) 1.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.45 British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) 4.35 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Storyville: Buck - The Real Horse Whisperer (2011) (PG) 1.40 Simon Armitage in Conversation with Tony Harrison 2.20 Black Roses: The Killing of Sophie Lancaster 3.25 Close

E4 SKY: 13.6 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.20 Suburgatory 8.00 Baby Daddy 9.00 How I Met Your Mother 10.00 Hollyoaks 12.30 Couples Come Dine with Me 2.35 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009) (12) Action adventure, starring Channing Tatum. 11.20 The Inbetweeners 12.30 The IT Crowd 1.35 Rude Tube 2.35 Rules of Engagement 3.20 2 Broke Girls 3.40 Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 13.8 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Homemade Home 10.00 Help! My House Is Falling Down 11.00 Disappearing Britain 12.05 Homes by the Sea 1.05 Gadget Man 2.45 Four in a Bed 2.55 Come Dine with Me 8.00 The Supervet 9.00 Nazi Megastructures 10.00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.10 8 Out of 10

6.20 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (S) (R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch With Robbie Savage, Karl Pilkington and Sarah Hadland. (S) **12.30 FILM Step Up 3 (2010) (12)** Dance drama, starring Rick Malambri. (S) **2.35 FILM Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) (PG)** Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. (S) **4.40 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** A holiday home in Spain's province of Seville. (S) **5.40 Homes by the Sea** Charlie Luxton travels the coastline of North Yorkshire. (S)(R) **6.35 Channel 4 News (S)**

7.00 FILM Men in Black 3 (2012) (PG) A secret agent goes back in time and teams up with a young version of his mentor to stop an alien changing history. Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith and Josh Brolin. (S)

9.00 Homeland New series. Carrie tries to get on with her new life in Berlin but realises she is now the one who is a target and no longer has Saul and Quinn to rely on. (S)

10.00 Experimental Tim Shaw builds a giant catapult to fire Buddy out of and a propelled swivel chair. The duo also head to Georgia to carry out a dangerous stunt testing the science of acceleration. (S)

11.05 FILM Predators (2010) (15) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Adrien Brody and Topher Grace. (S)

1.00 FILM Animal Kingdom (2010) (18) (S) 2.50 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 3.20 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 4.10 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 4.35 Fifteen to One (S)(R)

Cats Does Countdown 1.15 Nazi Megastructures 2.15 24 Hours in A&E 3.15 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites 3.35 Close

FILM4 SKY: 31.5 FV: 15
11.00 Bugsy Malone (1976) (U) **12.50 Sicario** Interview Special 1.00 Anastasia (1997) (U) **2.55 Pride and Prejudice (2005) (U)** Period drama, starring Keira Knightley. **5.25 Evolution (2001) (PG)** Sci-fi comedy, starring David Duchovny. **7.25 The Animal (2001) (12)** Comedy, starring Rob Schneider. **9.00 Apocalypto (2006) (18)** Mel Gibson's historical adventure, starring Rudy Youngblood. **11.40 Joy Ride (2001) (15)** Thriller, starring Steve Zahn and Paul Walker. **1.40 Dogtooth (2009) (18) 3.40 Close**

DAVE SKY: 11.1 FV: 12
7.10 Motorway Cops 9.00 Ice Road Truckers 2.00 Motorway Cops 4.00 Storage Hunters UK 4.30 Storage Hunters 7.00 Motorway Cops 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 10.00 Parks and Recreation 11.00 Mock the Week 1.00 Russell

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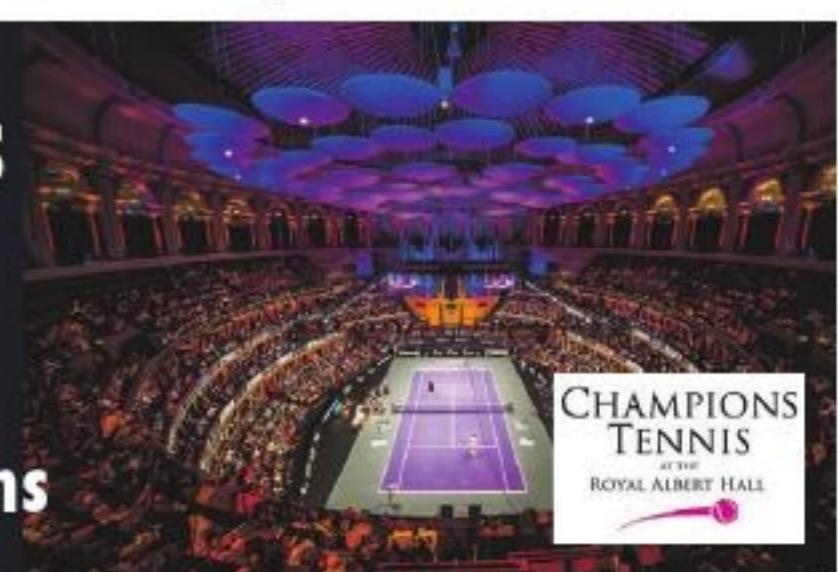
SKY1 SKY: 10.6
6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? 8.00 Monkey Life 10.00 Football's Funniest Moments 11.00 WWE Raw 12.00 One Hundred and Eighty! 1.00 Cricket's Funniest Moments 2.00 The Martian: Sky Movies Special 2.30 Pan: Behind the Scenes 3.00 Futurama 6.00 The Simpsons 9.00 Zoo 10.00 FILM: Dawn of the Dead (2004) (18) Horror remake, with Ving Rhames and Sarah Polley. **11.55 The Force: Manchester** 12.55 Stop, Search, Seize 1.55 Road Wars 4.20 Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 10.8
7.00 Friday Night Lights 8.00 Seinfeld 11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 1.00 David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 2.00 The Petrol Age 3.00 Without a Trace 5.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.20 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 11.55 Aquarius 12.55 The Affair 3.20 Curb Your Enthusiasm 4.00 Seinfeld



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Classic tracks from the ELO

THE hit songs of '70s and '80s rock group Electric Light Orchestra (ELO) will reverberate throughout The Anvil in Basingstoke on Wednesday, October 14.

The ELO Experience tribute act will be playing famous tracks such as 'Mr Blue Sky', 'Sweet Talkin' Woman', 'Living More' and a host of others for their performance next week.

The group, of Andy Louis, Steve Hemsley, Pete Smith, Jan Christiansen, Tony Lawson, Viv Blackledge, Clare Little and Liz Stacey, are in the last month of a UK autumn tour.

"The show delivers a stunning two hour celebration of the hits from the Electric Light Orchestra where the audience will be taken on a musical journey along with a fabulous trip down memory lane," Andy Louis, who portrays the group's lead singer Jeff Lynne, told the Observer.

"This is backed by a fantastic light show with large screen projection.

"We aim for the audience to have two hours of feel good music and leave with a smile on their faces."

Formed in 1970, the ELO was founded by musicians Jeff Lynne and Roy Wood, who wanted to create a music group with a modern rock/pop

By James Richings

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sound and classical overtones. And so formed the Electric Light Orchestra.

During their original 16-year run, the group sold over 50 million records worldwide, had 26 singles in the UK Top-40, and recorded six top-10 albums.

They broke up in 1986 before reforming in 2000, disbanding a year later, and regrouping for the second time in 2012.

"I was a massive fan," Andy said. Jeff had stopped touring and I was disappointed that you couldn't hear the music live but in 2006 the band formed and we haven't looked back since then.

"Anyone who performs live will tell you there is nothing like it. From my personal point of view, when the audience gets involved it doesn't get better than that.

"This is my full time job and I wouldn't swap it for the world."

Andy had the honour of meeting Jeff last year, when the latter collected his Birmingham Walk of Stars award.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £21.50.



• Andy Louis as Jeff Lynne

Hazel O'Connor

EIGHTIES musician Hazel O'Connor will be at The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon this Saturday, October 10.

The 60-year-old singer-songwriter and actress is best known for her hits such as 'Will You', 'D-Days' and 'Eight Day', with the latter peaking at number five in the UK singles charts in 1980.

Tickets cost £17.50, with the gig starting at 8pm.

Will.i.an gig

ACOUSTIC covers group Will.i.an will be performing at the Propaganda Music Canteen in Fleet tomorrow, October 8.

Formed last year by Will Clements and Ian Ungaretti, the two friends will perform a number of hits by bands such as Green Day, Guns N' Roses, Bryan Adams and Ed Sheeran.

The free gig starts at 8.30pm.

Comedy night

JAN Jack's Laughter-House is back with their monthly comedy night tomorrow evening, Thursday, October 8.

The Red Lion Hotel will host comedians such as Andy Askings, Nik Coppin, James Veltch and MC Andrew Ryan.

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Legend Steve ready for Anvil showcase

By James Richings

A LEGEND in the music industry will be heading to The Anvil on Tuesday, October 13, as former Genesis guitarist Steve Hackett makes his way to Basingstoke.

The 65-year-old musician arrives at the Churchill Way venue as part of his 'Acolyte to Wolfflight with a Sprinkling of Genesis' tour, which sees the first half focus on his successful solo career that covers genres such as rock and classical, with the second set looking at his time in Genesis.

And with over 45 years of experience in the music business, Steve revealed to the Observer that despite being a popular musician, things don't always go to plan.

"One thing about spending a lifetime in music is that pretty much anything that can go wrong will go wrong at some point," he said.

"I've had things catch on fire on stage and parts of my set being burnt by audience members, so pretty much anything that can go wrong will go wrong at some point, but most shows go fine."

Steve became a household name during the 1970s when he joined Genesis



• Steve Hackett performing (picture by Lilian Forsberg)

after a then relatively unknown musician called Peter Gabriel saw his advert in music magazine 'Melody Maker'.

This put the then 21-year-old in the limelight, enjoying a very successful six years with the rock group from 1971 to

1977 with six albums peaking in the UK Top-20 album charts.

And despite leaving the group just before Genesis achieved five consecutive number one albums in the UK, Steve has gone onto enjoy a very successful solo career and was introduced into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2010.

"With Genesis, I remember we cancelled a show in Glasgow because of technical problems and when we showed up there a couple of weeks later, I thought the audience were going to massacre us as we let them down," Steve said.

"However, they gave us a standing ovation, so that would have been a main highlight with Genesis.

"And with my solo stuff, I remember having one of my pieces of music being chosen by Yehudi Menuhin to be in a film he made which also had music by Mozart and Bach in.

"This was a huge highlight of my solo career because he was from a different world.

"So I have no regrets of my career but like so many other people, I would love to live my life again with the knowledge that I have now."

The gig starts at 7.30pm.



• Ben Bowman performing as Michael Jackson

Paying tribute to Michael Jackson

MICHAEL Jackson's music remains popular with millions of people in the world, six years after the singer's death.

And Basingstoke can re-live some of MJ's finest hits and dance moves when 'Jackson Live' arrives at the Churchill Way venue tomorrow evening, October 8.

Ben Bowman, who will replicate the King of Pop's best moments on stage, said being a Michael Jackson tribute artist 'happened almost by accident'.

He explained: "It was in a science

lesson in my last year of school when a friend of mine asked me to sing his new song and when I did she said, 'wow, you sound like Michael Jackson!'

"So pretty much from the age of 16 I was gigging up and down the country and became a professional by 2005 at the age of 18 and the rest is history."

Ben will be dressed as the great man himself, and will perform songs such as 'Smooth Criminal' and 'Man in the Mirror'.

The show will start at 7.45pm and tickets cost £20.

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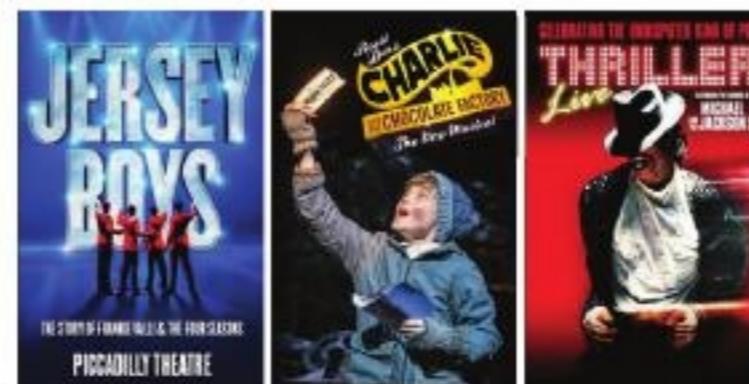
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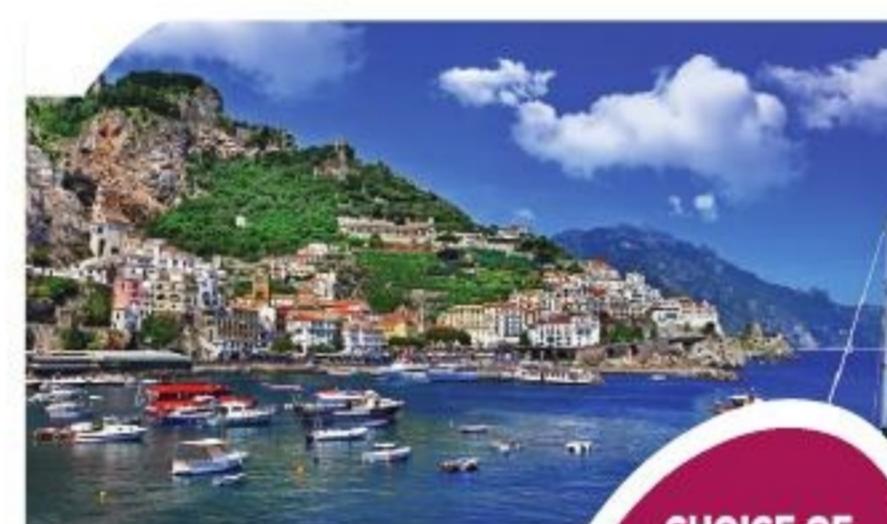
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Thu, Oct 8, 8pm
New Greenham Arts, Newbury

FAUSTUS

Previously nominated for the Best Group Award in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and in the wake of the latest album 'Broken Down Gentlemen' (I Navigator Records, 2013), Faustus brings to the stage three of the leading lights of their generation: Saul Ross (Waterloo;Carthy, Whapweazel, War Horse), Benji Kirkpatrick (Geth Lakeman Band, Bellowhead) and Paul Sartin (Bellowhead, Belchazzar's Feast). Saturday,

October 10, 2.30pm
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Sat, Oct 10, 8pm
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AN EVENING WITH HAZEL O'CONNOR

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Live onstage, her unforgettable songs from the iconic film *Breaking Glass*, which this year celebrates its 35th anniversary, including Eighth Day, Will You, Big Brother, If Only and more seem even more relevant in our present times.

Wed, Oct 14, 8pm
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(BBC3) and in January performed live on Radio 1. Gareth co-hosted Frank Skinner's Sony award-winning Absolute Radio show for two years and supported Frank on his 2014 tour.

Wed, Oct 21, 7pm
The Corn Exchange, Newbury

HENRY V

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Friday, October 23, 8pm
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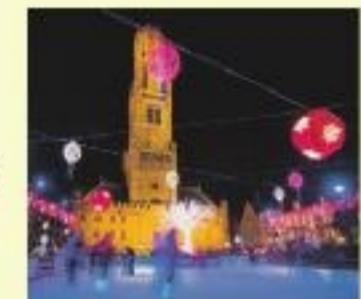


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New Renault Mégane breaks the mould with new design



LAUNCHED at this year's International Motor Show in Germany, the new Renault Mégane is heading to the UK to go on sale next year.

It will be the model's fourth generation since it was first introduced in 1995.

The latest edition has C-shaped headlamps at the front that border into the bumper.

The lights at the rear have also been restyled to stretch across the car.

"On a highly competitive market for compact saloons, it was vital that new Mégane should stand out right from first glance", exterior designer Franck Le Gall said.

"The precise, taut lines which draw the whole design towards the front, are part of the side surfaces and this is with the combination of the sculpted shoulders

"These lines give new Mégane

REVIEW: Renault Mégane IV
By **James Richings**

dynamism and character."

Compared to the third generation Mégane, the tracking is 47mm wider, and the car is 25mm lower at the front and 39mm wider at the rear.

And designers have opted for a chrome belt line and changes to the car's grille, side badges and door handles.

The launch will also offer up the new Renault Mégane GT with a much sportier design with a different looking bumper which has a broader air intake and a honeycomb shaped grill design.

At the back, it has two chromed tailpipes that echo the air scoops at the front and framing a spoiler inspired by the world of F1.

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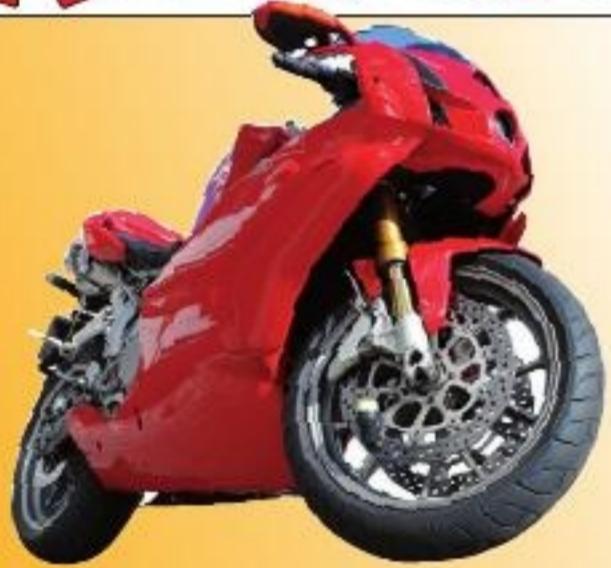
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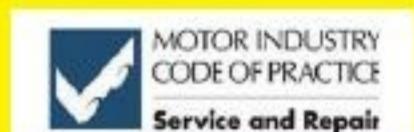
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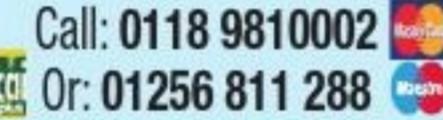
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Town run continues after Bath bore draw

Bristow makes case for the Dragons' defence

JASON Bristow was in high spirits following a 0-0 draw at Bath City - despite the result seeing his side drop to the bottom of the National League South.

Basingstoke Town have now gone 12 matches without a win in the league to ensure a nightmare first few months to the season following last year's play-off finish.

But having seen his side claim just their second clean sheet of the campaign on the road against fourth-placed Bath, the Town manager challenged his players to remain solid at the back.

"In the general scheme of things, a point there is a good result and is something we can build on," said Bristow.

"This could prove to be a valuable point come the end of the season. We need to build from the back if we're going to start winning - it all starts with clean sheets."

"We always felt we could get a goal on Saturday, but just couldn't nick it right at the end."

Next up for the Dragons is two home matches in succession against Chelmsford City in both the FA Cup this weekend, and then in the league seven days later.

And while Bristow was cautious over the unusual fixture schedule's effect, he admitted it would be a good opportunity to prepare his side for the league meeting.

He said: "It will give us a good chance to see what Chelmsford can do, but there is always the danger that the teams know too much about each other and cancel one another out."

"The league is the most important thing though, and while the Bath display was a good away performance, it was not quite enough to give us that win that we so badly need."

A HARD fought draw away at Bath City wasn't enough to stop Basingstoke Town from sinking to the bottom of the league on Saturday.

The Dragons more than held their own in a 0-0 stalemate devoid of much quality against their high-flying National League South rivals.

Jason Bristow's men defended well throughout and missed a

couple of late chances that would have seen them seal their first win of the season at Twerton Park.

Town went into the weekend on the back of a 4-2 win over Slough Town in the FA Cup seven days

earlier, in a match filled with chances and drama.

The first half in Somerset could not have been anymore different however, as Bath were limited to a couple of half chances for Ashley Kington and Matt Coupe, while Basingstoke failed to register a single shot on goal in a dull opening 45 minutes.

Things didn't improve much at the start of the second half,

as Frankie Artus headed a chance straight at keeper Aaron Howe for the hosts, before Nick McCootie came close but scuffed an effort wide from the edge of the box.

Bath came inches away from getting their noses in front on the hour mark as Jon Davies produced the first moment of quality in the game after latching onto McCootie's knock down and clipping the outside of the post with a long range effort.

Basingstoke typically dominated possession throughout, but found it hard to create many clear-cut chances until late on when two came at once.

Substitute Liam Enver-Marum came agonisingly close to grabbing a priceless winner at the death, but just failed to get on the end of Tom Bird's low driven cross from the left.

Straight after that, keeper Steve Phillips dropped Shaun McAuley's cross right to the feet of captain David Ray, with the defender crowded out as he tried to stab the ball home.

The final whistle soon followed however to ensure that, despite extending their unbeaten run in all competitions to four games, the Dragons now sit four points inside the relegation zone.



• Basingstoke Town striker Liam Enver-Marum (left) missed a late chance in a 0-0 draw at Bath City (picture courtesy of Basingstoke Town's Twitter)

Collard looking to end on high

ROB Collard will take to the grid for the last time this season at the weekend in the final meeting of the year at Brands Hatch.

The Hook-based driver will be hoping to add to his three British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) victories this season on Sunday at the Kent circuit.

Collard picked up a healthy tally of 33 points in the last round of races at Silverstone, and claimed a place on the podium on the final race after finishing in second spot.

And the West Surrey Racing (WSR) driver will look to carry

on that momentum to Brands Hatch in his bid to improve on his current 10th-place position in the drivers' standings.

While he will be looking to end the BTCC season on a high, Collard will also have one eye on a set of races earlier in the day, as son Ricky looks to become the MSA Formula Championship winner.

Collard Jnr currently sits in second position - 11 points behind rival Lando Norris in the standings - heading into the meet after picking up his sixth win at Silverstone.



• Rob Collard claiming his third win of the year at Knockhill in August (picture courtesy of btcc.net)

Sport Bites

Symonds signs

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Bison have beefed up their defence with the signing of former player Alex Symonds from English Premier League rivals Swindon Wildcats.

The blue liner played for the Bison in the 2012/13 season, with head coach Doug Sheppard naming the Welshman as his player of the year for the campaign.

Sheppard said: "Alex plays the game as I like to see it and he is an excellent pick up for us at this part of the season."

"He is going to add some more depth to the team, which is going to help us when we have injuries."

Another defeat

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC lost once again on Saturday as they were humbled 33-7 away to Epsom and Leatherhead.

That result means that Stoke have now failed to claim any points from their opening three matches of the new London Two South West season.

New manager Gareth Hatherley-Hurford was brought to the club in the summer to help end the rot after problems on and off the field saw Basingstoke suffer back-to-back relegations.

Basingstoke have been convincingly beaten in each match so far however - giving up at least 30 points in each tie - while they also carried a five-point deduction from last campaign into the new season.

Next is a home match against Warlingham on Saturday.

Level par round

GOLF: Stuart Archibald finished with a tie for 18th place at the Shaikh Maktoum Dubai Open last Wednesday.

The Basingstoke golfer finished with a level par score - 13 shots off winner Per Barth - at the Al Badia Golf Club in Dubai.

Archibald shot rounds of 70, 72 and 74 respectively to move up to eighth place in the MENA Tour order of merit.

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Inside: Town drop to bottom of table | Bristow optimistic after point at Bath | Collard aiming for strong end to season



BASINGSTOKE Bison fans were left feeling a sense of déjà vu over the weekend as their side turned over two of their title rivals in fine fashion.

The Stampede are now joint top of the English Premier League (EPL) following rampant wins over Telford Tigers and Manchester Phoenix.

Saturday's 6-4 win over reigning champions Telford and 4-3 win at the home of the Phoenix the following night were eerily similar to victories over the duo two weeks earlier.

Czech forward Tomas Karpov was in sparkling form at the weekend as he picked up five goals across the two ties to ensure that Basingstoke climbed back to the summit.

Bison bounced back from a loss to Bracknell Bees in the previous match in spectacular style on their return to the Basingstoke Arena to prove that their 4-1 win at Telford on September 20 was no fluke.

Ryan Watt struck on 1:24 from close range to fire the Herd into an early lead, before a devastating 16-second spell at the start of the second period saw the home side pull clear through goals from Aaron Connolly and Karpov.

Phillip Hill immediately pulled one back on 21:59, before Shaun Thompson and Karpov made it 5-1 midway through the period.

Telford and Basingstoke then traded goals through Peter Szabo and Kurt Reynolds, while efforts from Daniel Davies and Macauley Heywood

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in the final period gave some respectability to the scoreline as Bison saw the game out.

Sunday's clash in Manchester proved to be a much more closely contested affair than the 6-2 thrashing handed out by the Stampede last month.

Karpov proved to be the difference in a great match after an opening period that saw the two sides trade goals from the forward, Joe Rand, Nico Aaltonen and James Archer.

Michal Satlek put the hosts ahead for the first time just after the buzzer, before Karpov shovelled the puck into the net to level at 3-3 on 29:01.

And the 26-year-old completed his hat-trick nine minutes later following a break away from Stuart Mogg and Miroslav Vantroba, with goaltender Tomas Hiadlovsky then making a series of saves as Bison held on for the win.

Basingstoke now sit joint top with Milton Keynes Lightning, who they will welcome to Planet Ice on Saturday, ahead of a trip to the Peterborough Phantoms 24 hours later.

• **Basingstoke Bison** saw off the Telford Tigers and Manchester Phoenix 6-4 and 4-3 respectively, with Aaron Connolly's goal paving the way for the win over reigning champions Telford (picture courtesy of grantkingphotography.com)

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